

# JMG NEWS



## Jobs for Montana's Graduates

### Welcome Back!

The staff at JMG hopes you had a fun and relaxing summer. We look forward to working with all of you in the coming year. We had a busy summer and have several news worthy items to report.

### Updates on Schools & Specialists

Please join us in welcoming the following schools and specialists who have joined the JMG team:

<u>New High Schools</u>	<u>Specialist</u>
Anaconda High School	Sara Novak
Columbia Falls Learning Center	Beverly Kahn
Frenchtown High School	Jake Haynes
Roberts High School	Stacie Nardinger
Troy High School	Cecil McDougall
Whitefish High School	Penny Glee

<u>New Middle Schools</u>	<u>Specialist</u>
Bridger Middle School	Michelle Hoferer
CR Anderson Middle School	Barb Cooper
Dutton/Brady Middle School	Tedi Bishop
East Valley Middle School	Sylvia Lamping
East Valley Middle School	Trudy Erickson
Lame Deer Middle School	Jeremy Argabright
Wolf Point Middle School	Karla McGill
Wolf Point Middle School	Katrina Vaira
Wolf Point Middle School	Sharon Kolstad
Wolf Point Middle School	Patricia Toavs
Wolf Point Middle School	Jeff McMorris
Wolf Point Middle School	Robert Page
Wolf Point Middle School	Heather McMorris
Wolf Point Middle School	Vicki Smith
Wolf Point Middle School	Melissa DeWitt

#### New Specialist at an existing program

Carolyn Story	Absarokee High School
Victoria Gerding	Brockton High School
Heidi Foreman	Capital High School
Lois Brott	Dodson High School
Chris Dawson	Geyser High School
Manny Granbois	Poplar Middle School
Erin Solem	Poplar Middle School
Twila Bearcub (Daniels)	Poplar Middle School
Larry Ericksen	Poplar Middle School
Betty Reid	Poplar Middle School
Natasha Turner	Poplar Middle School

★ A BIG thank you goes out to all the new & experienced specialists who attended the JMG Summer Teacher Training in Lewistown!



Your JMG Program Specialist will be out to visit your school in the next few weeks!

### Montana Awards Class of 2007

Due to your hard work JMG has been nationally recognized for the following accomplishments:

- ★ Jobs for Montana's Graduates is recognized for achieving "5 of 5" Performance Goals (3<sup>rd</sup> year)
- ★ Top JAG State Organization-Placement in High Wage Industries
- ★ Top JAG State Organization-for Data Management
- ★ Top JAG State Organization-Senior Year Programs-Average number of Community Service Hours
- ★ Top JAG State Organization -Middle School Programs-Average number of barriers / students & percentage of economically disadvantaged student on the roster.

#### 5 of 5 Century Club Award-The following Specialists are recognized for achieving 100% of all 5 JAG Performance Outcomes

- ★ Amy Stops ~Butte Webster Garfield
- ★ Jacquie Ainsworth~Deer Lodge, Powell County HS
- ★ Marjorie Chinadle~Rudyard, North Star High School
- ★ Laura McCrohan~Libby Central Pride
- ★ Chris Dawson~Dodson High School

#### Top Performing Middle School Specialist-100% Retention

- ★ Amelia Eckstein-Absarokee Middle School

#### Top Performing Senior Year Specialist-are recognized for involving their students in Community Service Projects

- ★ Annawyn Griffin-Plains High School

#### "5 of 5" Performance Standards Award- the following schools have met or exceeded the set percentage for the five standards.

- ★ Billings Career Center
- ★ Bridger High School
- ★ Butte High School
- ★ Butte Webster-Garfield
- ★ Cascade High School
- ★ Culbertson High School
- ★ Dodson High School
- ★ Geyser High School
- ★ Helena High School
- ★ Helena PAL
- ★ Judith Gap High School
- ★ Libby Central Pride High School
- ★ Malta High School
- ★ Philipsburg, Granite High School
- ★ Poplar High School
- ★ Powell County High School
- ★ Rudyard, North Star High School
- ★ Whitefish Independent High School
- ★ Whitehall High School

#### Outstanding Specialist Award

- ★ Irene Strauss Whitehall High School
- ★ Lisa Parker Helena High School
- ★ Mary Machart Culbertson High School

## JMG Curriculum Summit

### JMG High School Curriculum Summit

The JMG high school curriculum rewrite has started! There was great enthusiasm as JMG Specialists and staff gathered in Helena to review the old curriculum and to determine the process for writing the new high school curriculum.

The JMG Foundation contracted with Nicole Chinadle to lead the process. Nicole has wonderful experience as the Project Director of the Family Economics and Financial Education (FEFE) program through the University of Arizona. In her capacity as Project Director, Nicole led a team of teachers and staff to research, write and test family finance curricula which received a national curriculum award. Through FEFE, Nicole developed and implemented a national outreach awareness program which includes presentation of workshops to over 6,000 educators.

The curriculum survey results gave insights into the perspectives of the Specialists on what was working within the curriculum, how the Specialists were using the curriculum and what they thought would be possible improvements.

The Specialists proposed a lesson plan format. The format is to be: simple to use, integrate the data needed for entering model services, show relationship to state standards and related JAG competencies. The lesson plan will contain a description of how to teach the lesson, materials needed and also show links to related MCA activities, Program of Work projects, portfolio outcome documents, guest speakers, etc.

It was decided that the curriculum would be written with introductory and advanced lessons for each competency. The Specialists were divided into teams to review the competencies, write objectives for each competency and categorized as beginning or advanced.

After discussing many options, the Specialists decided that they would like to be divided into regional teams to work on the six competencies. Watch for the updates on the next steps in the process.

Be ready to join the other Specialists in creating a simple to use but effective and relevant JMG curriculum.

The following JMG Specialists attended the summit:

Mary Machart – Culbertson  
Joe Barbero – Billings  
Laura McCrohan – Libby  
Todd Bishop – Dutton  
Annawyn Griffin – Plains  
Amy Stops – Butte  
Janice Rorvik – Nashua

Connie Wittak - Scobey  
Fawn Thibodeaux - Havre  
Tedi Bishop - Dutton  
Betty Taylor - Plains  
Lisa Parker - Helena  
Irene Strauss - Whitehall  
Erin Romo - Brockton

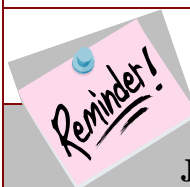
## Reminders

### ***“If it is not documented it did not happen”***

There is a September **30<sup>th</sup>** deadline for the following items:

- ✓ Roster created
- ✓ Profiles and barriers entered
- ✓ Model services entered
- ✓ Follow-up on 2008 graduates entered
- ✓ School & job placements on 2008 graduates entered
- ✓ Return to school status on class of 2007-08 entered

We know you are very busy but please find time to input your student information. We are more than willing to help so contact us if you need assistance.



**Send in your JMG supply order!**

**Mark your calendar!**  
**JMG Fall Leadership Conference**  
**To be held Wednesday,**  
**October 29, 2008**  
**The Red Lion Hotel**  
**Helena**

**For more details check out the JMG website at**  
**<http://wsd.dli.mt.gov/jmg/jmg.asp>**

### **Classroom Corner**

As part of the newsletter I would like to have a section on “Best Practices” or “Classroom Stories.” We know you are doing wonderful things in your JMG classroom and we would like to share them with other specialists.

Please send me your “Classroom Stories” and “Best Practices” so that I may spotlight them in the upcoming issues of the JMG newsletter.

Include a photo as well!

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